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SUBJECT: FMG RECOGNISES MPLA AS LEGITIMATE GOVERNMENT OF ANGOLA

1. RADIO AND PRESS REPORTING DECISION FMG TO RECOGNIZE
 MPLA AS LEGITIMATE GOVERNMENT OF ANGOLA, CALLING FOR WITHDRAWAL
 OF ALL FOREIGN TROOPS IN ANGOLA, FMG SAID IT COULD NO LONGER
 ATTEMPT RECONCILE WARRING LIBERATION MOVEMENTS BECAUSE OF

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FOREIGN INTERVENTION. FMG STATEMENT CITED SOUTH AFRICAN COLLABORATION WITH FORCES FIGHTING MPLA AS PRIMARY REASON FMG DECISION. WITHOUT NAMING NAMES, STATEMENT ALSO REFERS TO VIOLATION OF ANGOLAN BORDERS BY OAU MEMBER COUNTRY.

2. COMPLETE TEXT OF STATEMENT FOLLOWS:

QTE THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED TO RECOGNISE THE MPLA GOVERNMENT AS THE LEGITIMATE GOVERNMENT OF ANGOLA, TRULY REPRESENTING THE INTEREST OF THE ANGOLAN PEOPLE. IT IS NO LONGER POSSIBLE TO PURSUE THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT POLICY OF RECONCILIATION OF THE WARRING PARTIES SINCE DIVISIVE INTERNATIONAL FORCES HAVE MADE DEEP IN-ROADS INTO THE FIGHTING IN ANGOLA. THERE IS NOW ABUNDANT EVIDENCE OF THE DIRECT INVOLVEMENT OF RACIST SOUTH AFRICA'S TROOPS IN THE CONFLICT. THE FACTIONS FIGHTING AGAINST MPLA ARE BACKED NOT ONLY BY SOUTH AFRICA BUT BY OTHER INTERESTS WHICH ARE CLEARLY AGAINST ANGOLAN INDEPENDENCE AND FREEDOM IN AFRICA. AND FOR THIS REASON, NIGERIA HAS TO TAKE THE STAND TO RECOGNIZE MPLA AS THE LEGITIMATE GOVERNMENT OF ANGOLA. AS A MEMBER OF OAU COMMITTED TO FIGHTING RACISM AND SUPPORTING ANGOLAN INDEPENDENCE, THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT CONDEMNS IN VERY STRONG TERMS THIS COLLABORATION WITH THE SOUTH AFRICAN REGIME AND ITS BACKERS WHOSE INTERESTS RUN AGAINST THE INTEREST OF ANGOLAN PEOPLE AS A WHOLE. THE OAU CHARTER UPHOLDS THE INVIOABILITY OF BORDERS AND WE ARE WITNESSING IN THE ANGOLAN CONFLICT A VIOLATION OF THIS PROVISION OF THE CHARTER BY A MEMBER COUNTRY. IN THE INTEREST OF OAU SOLIDARITY SUCH VIOLATION SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED AND IT IS THE DUTY OF ALL MEMBER COUNTRIES TO PRESERVE THIS SOLIDARITY IN THE FACE OF THE CURRENT THREAT TO IT. THE PRESENCE OF FOREIGN TROOPS AND ALIGNMENT OF FORCES IS A THREAT NOT ONLY TO ANGOLA BUT TO WORLD PEACE. ALL FOREIGN TROOPS MUST LEAVE ANGOLA AND ALL FOREIGN INTERESTS FOSTERING THE DIVISION IN ANGOLA MUST STOP SUCH ACTIVITIES. THE CURRENT EVENT IN ANGOLA MUST BE SEEN IN ITS RIGHT PERSPECTIVE-NOT JUST FIGHTING BETWEEN FACTIONS IN ANGOLA BUT FIGHTING BETWEEN RACIST SOUTH AFRICA WITH THEIR BACKERS AND MPLA. SOUTH AFRICA AND OTHER SUPPORTERS OF RACIST IN AFRICA WILL BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR CRIMINAL ACTS IN ANGOLA. THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS COMMITTED TO SEEING THAT PERPETRATORS OF THESE CRIMES ARE MADE TO PAY FOR THEIR TRANSGRESSION. UNQTE.

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